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George Mowry

What brought you here?

I first came to Westcliffe in 1971 when I was teaching in a GED program in Pueblo. On our first trip over the pass, we knew we wanted to live in the Valley. I got a job at Custer County High School teaching social studies and Spanish, and soon after that, my former wife and I started The Village Shop in Westcliffe. At the time, we were living in Silver Cliff. I was on the Board of Trustees there and was active in many civic activities. Our two children were born here and went to Custer County Elementary School, and I was on the School Board of Custer County Schools. In the mid '80s, I left the valley and moved first to New Mexico and later to Arizona, where I taught school, wrote social studies curriculum, and later had a folk-art gallery in Arizona. Four years ago, my wife of 34 years, Suzanne, and I decided it was time to return to the Valley as retired but very active community members. We live on Second Street in Westcliffe.

What motivated you to run for the Town Board?

I have always believed in the importance of being involved in Civic Affairs, and when a vacancy came up for a Trustee position, I decided to volunteer.

Describe one of your goals and objectives for Westcliffe.

My goal of being a Trustee is to try in a small way to keep what makes Westcliffe so special intact. As the town grows and changes, we need to ensure that our amenities are maintained and improved as funds are available, especially our roads and parks.

What challenges you most about being an elected official?

I would like to have more people take part in planning for the future of Westcliffe and deciding on solutions to problems we face.

Name a random fact about yourself.

Volunteer for two years in the Peace Core in South America.

How do you like to spend your free time?

I spend my free time playing pickleball, working on home and yard projects, socializing with many friends, hiking, and keeping up with our three children and two grandchildren.

What is the best way for your constituents to communicate with you?

I am always available to talk to anyone about town issues and ideas on ensuring Westcliffe remains such a great Colorado mountain town. I can be reached by email or phone (or by stopping me on my daily walks around town with our dog Sophie).